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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The undertone for whole birds steady to firm. Limited offerings for current shipments and adequate for deferred for the slow demand. Trading for parts and meats light to moderate. Demand slowed due to the upcoming holiday weekend. Most items trading at generally steady price levels, with the exception of thigh meat, scapula and tom drums showing a weak undertone.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Light to moderate trading centering on drums going to Mexico. Inquiry fairly active from several sources but at levels generally resisted by processors.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 02, 1999**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-73	70.75	70.75	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 01, 1999**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-73	70.75	70.75	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JULY 02, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JUNE	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS							
EASTERN REGION	70.60**	70.50	61.60		68.89	65.55	60.57
CENTRAL REGION	68.00	68.70**	59.88**		67.89	65.13	59.25
WESTERN REGION	69.40**	70.00	60.75**		68.36	65.65	60.48
16-24 LB TOMS							
EASTERN REGION	70.75	70.50	62.50		69.89	66.81	59.23
CENTRAL REGION	70.20**	69.60**	60.88**		69.27	66.64	58.48
WESTERN REGION	70.00**	70.00	61.63**		69.89	66.74	59.33

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-92
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	74-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	74-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 05-JUL-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>
	<u>HENS LBS</u>	<u>TOMS LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	200	20

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 19-Jun-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

---YOUNG TURKEYS---				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG		RSTR	BAND		AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT		---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	294	-31	24.00	(A)	(A)	325	22.70
S ATL	684	4	28.63	(A)	(A)	694	28.57
N CENT	2,480	-12	30.38	(A)	(A)	2,504	30.33
S CENT	585	19	19.52	NONE	NONE	585	19.52
WEST	251	-11	28.82	(A)	(A)	254	29.03
U.S.TOTAL	4,294(B)	-8	28.09	28	40	4,362	27.95
TO DATE							
1999	112,201(B)			55	774	113,030	
TO DATE							
1998	122,245(B)			32	823	123,100	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 1,000 for the year 326,000; last year to date 461,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 19-Jun-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	28	4,294	40	4,362
AVGWT	9.11	28.09	26.45	27.95
LAST WEEK	0	4,664	64	4,728
SAME WEEK YR AGO	23	6,080	22	6,125
AVGWT	5.57	23.21(A)	27.14	23.16
TO-DATE/1999	55	112,201(A)	774	113,030
TO-DATE/1998	32	122,245(A)	823	123,100

(A) Includes 326,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 461,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 19-Jun-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 251 HD, 7,233 LBS,
TO DATE 7,161 HD, 174,910 LBS; OLD 3 HD, TO DATE 128 HD;
TOTAL 254 HD, TO DATE 7,289 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MAY	416,267 *
JUNE 1-19, 1999	277,164 *

To date 1999	2,324,474 *
To date 1998	2,479,880 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 JULY 1999.

Activity was seasonally light due to the upcoming holiday weekend and centered mostly on export items. Market tone steady on parts except tom full cut wings were weak. Thigh meat was weak and buyers bid lower to test sellers. A light volume of frozen 4-8 lb A grade basted, netted and timed breast sold at 119 for July delivery, one load of plant grade 10-12 lb breasts moved at 125 and a partial load of plant grade 12-14 lb breasts at 120 cents. Export activity was most active on parts, limited activity on thigh meat.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	97.20	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	129.00		129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	92.00	1,200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	55
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	18.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	21.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	42.00	40
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	183.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	190.75	200
THIGH MEAT		W	58.00	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	63.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	82.00	30
TENDERLOINS	151.00		151.00	16
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	165.00		165.00	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	27.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-20.00		17.86	744
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.50		18.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.50		20.50	52
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.58	264
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	104

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 02 JULY 1999.

Trade sentiment on thigh meat was barely steady to weak, tom drums were mixed, mostly steady, and scapula was steady to weak. Fresh tom breast meat was available from current week production. Hen parts were tight and strong. Export trading included two containers of hen v-type wings at 44 cents, one container of tom necks at 15 and a full and partial container of thigh trim at 21-21.75 cents. Holiday schedules disrupted trading patterns in areas.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	97.20	600	97.43	840
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	92.00	1,200	92.00	1,200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.33	120	18.12	335
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	18.00	120	18.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	3	21.00	83
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	80	23.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	15	21.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	42.00	40	42.00	40
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	49	14.52	209
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	182.00		182.00	80	182.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	190.75	200	188.70	440
THIGH MEAT		W	58.00	60	58.00	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00-64.00		63.50	80	63.50	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	80	109.50	160
SCAPULA MEAT	86.00-90.00		88.67	60	86.44	90
TENDERLOINS		R	151.00	16	151.00	16
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	165.00	100	164.71	140
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	68.00	40	68.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40	20.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	28.00		28.00	80	25.53	600
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-19.00		18.31	558	18.12	1,854
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.50	104	18.64	1,080
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.50		21.50	92	20.93	456
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00-62.00		61.28	184	61.83	432

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